

**Requesting Permission to Participate in a
Regional National Science Bowl® Competition
Outside of a Team's Assigned Geographic Region
Effective June 1, 2016**

If a school cannot attend its assigned National Science Bowl® regional event due to an academic conflict, the school can choose to request to attend an alternate regional event. **While the school can win 1st place at the regional event, the school will **not** be permitted to represent the regional event at the National Finals.** Only a school located within the geographic boundaries of a regional event may represent the region at the National Finals.

This request must be approved by the Regional Coordinators of both the “home” regional (the original assigned geographic region) and the alternate regional.

Please follow this process:

- 1) Please email the Regional Coordinators of the school's assigned regional event and the regional event the school would like to attend with a clear explanation of the conflict and the names of the students affected. Please cc: the National Coordinator at national.science.bowl@science.doe.gov.
- 2) The school principal should send an email to 1) both Regional Coordinators, 2) the National Coordinator, and 3) the parents of all team members stating that the principal and the team coach both understand that if the school should win the regional event, the school will not be permitted to advance to the National Finals.
 - a. **The school will not be approved to participate in the requested regional event until the school principal's email has been received by the regional coordinators.**
- 3) Both the Regional Coordinator of the “home” regional (the original region) and the proposed new regional event will review the request. Regional Coordinators may disapprove the request for a variety of reasons and their decisions are final. As the regional events are not funded by the U.S. Department of Energy, the Regional Coordinators run their events under many constraints and may not have flexibility in granting permission.